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SUBJECT: CODE 210 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM-
REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS

1. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PRIORITY NOMINATIONS UPCOMING WHICH WILL REQUIRE SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING SINCE FY74 PROGRAM ALREADY FULLY COMMITTED. AMONG THEM IS A NOMINATION I WISH PERSONALLY TO MAKE, THAT OF DIRECTOR OF THE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY CAPTAIN ALEJANDRO MARIN LOPEZ, BORN JULY 20, 1929 AT CUMAREBO, ZAMORA/FALCON, MARRIED, WITH SEVERAL CHILDREN. MERCHANT MARINE COMES UNDER MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

2. TIMING OF THIS INVITATION VERY MUCH TO THE POINT SINCE THIS YEAR OF AFFIRMATION OF THE SEA IN VENEZUELA AND THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD THIS SUMMER IN CARACAS. VENEZUELAN CONGRESS IN JULY PASSED THE MERCHANT MARINE PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT LAW; INDICATIVE OF ITS IMPORTANCE, IT WAS SIGNED BY EVERY MEMBER OF THE CABINET. VENEZUELA HAS RECENTLY SUBMITTED A NOMINATION FOR KING'S POINT MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.

3. PROGRAM U.S. WOULD PRESUMABLY BE DEVELOPED BY GAI IN CONSULTATION WITH NAVY LEAGUES THROUGHOUT VISIT, WHICH, WE HOPE, WOULD BE WILLING PROVIDE HOME HOSPITALITY AND SERVE AS LOCAL HOSTS. PROPOSED ITINERARY WASHINGTON, D.C. (MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, NAVY LEAGUE, 36, COAST GUARD, MERCHANT MARINE,

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MARINE CORPS CONTACTS AND VISIT TO INSTALLATIONS); NAVAL

ACADEMY VISIT AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND; WILLIAMSBURG (HISTORICAL SITE) AND NORFOLK, VIRGINIA; NEW YORK (PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY); KING'S POING, NEW YORK (MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY) FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH SUPERINTENDENT AND ACADEMIC/OTHER STAFF ON CURRICULUM, ATHLETIC PROGRAM, INSTALLATION; ON WEST COAST MARAD AT SAN FRANCISCO AND SHIPYARD AT SAN DIEGO.

4. MARIN WOULD REQUIRE ESCORT-INTERPRETER. PERSONAL INTEREST WOULD INCLUDE BOAT SHOWS, REGATTAS (IF ANY THIS TIME OF YEAR); YACHTING, GOLF. ROTARY CLUB MEMBER. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE IN CONSULTATION MARIN ONCE DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED AND HE ACCEPTS INVITATION. CLEARANCE RECEIVED.

5. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONCURRENCE THIS NOMINATION SOONEST.
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